GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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INDO RUSSIA TIES .
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to establish better relations with Russia;

(b) if so, the steps taken in that direction;

(c) the areas in which Indo-Russia co-operation has been established; and

(d) the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a), (b), (c) & (d) : Indo-Russian relations are characterized by continuity, trust and mutual understanding and based on shared perceptions and mutuality of interests. These have been consolidated into a strategic partnership with the signing of the Declaration on Strategic Partnership between India and the Russian Federation in October 2000.The document defines the broad contours of Indo-Russian bilateral relations in the 21st century.

India`s relations with the Russian Federation are multi-faceted and encompass cooperation in various fields including political, trade & economy, science & technology, defence, culture, and in the fight against international terrorism, separatism and organized crime. India and the Russian Federation are closely cooperating within the framework of the Indo-Russian Inter- Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperationand the Indo-Russian Inter-Governmental Commission on Military-Technical Cooperation.